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DIALOG FOCUS IN A CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH SYSTEM**

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RESPONSE

This is a response to the Advisory Action, dated August 27, 2002, and the Final Office Action dated May 28, 2002. A CPA (continued prosecution application) has been filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections based on the following remarks.

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